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Council of Women Plans 122nd Birthday of Founder

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) announced plans to commemorate the 122nd birthday of its founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, on Wednesday, July 10, 1997. The events will be held at the Bethune Museum and Archives and in Lincoln Park, both located in Washington, D.C. The two events will take centerstage: Mrs. Bethune's Tea Cakes, a new merchandising product and The Brown Box. To raise funds, members, staff and friends of NCNW were given brown boxes to collect donations. Each brown box can hold \$95 in quarters. Dr. Dorothy Height, president/CEO of NCNW, commented, "Our mission is to move the tradition of the Bethune legacy into the 21st century; to instill the value of, and to teach our children and youth to save in order to give to others."

Juvenile crime center approved

The Texas Senate has approved a proposal to create a center to study juvenile crime and prevention at Prairie View A&M University near Houston. The measure, sponsored by Senators Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) and Royce West (D-Dallas), said the new center would help develop juvenile prevention strategies to reduce youth crime in Texas. "Texas must do more to stop crime before it starts," said Ellis. "A new center to study juvenile crime at Prairie View A&M will allow more young people to be part of the solution to crime." The center for the Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency at Prairie View A&M will conduct research on juvenile crime and delinquency, serve as a state and national resource for information on juvenile crime and develop programs, policies and strategies to address youth crime and related social problems. The state has committed \$100,000 in funding for the center. "By investing in juvenile crime prevention, we will create safer communities and save state resources that we are spending today on the incarceration of juveniles in state facilities," said West.

Commission to investigate King killing

Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young has been recruited by the King family to take the lead in developing a "truth commission" in hopes of learning who killed Dr. King, according to the July/August cover story by Emema magazine. Modeled after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission chaired by Bishop Desmond Tutu in post-apartheid South Africa, Young's truth commission will declare amnesty for justice. The Reconciliation of the King's death, and will focus on learning the truth about the assassination. "Beginning with the Ray case, the group would follow the approach of the African National Congress in dealing with former apartheid officials, by taking evidence from all those who participated in King's death, even those who would not have helped set up the murder," said Young.

COURT TO DECIDE MAJOR CASE ON RACIAL HIRING

BY RICHARD CARELLI ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rebuffing the Clinton administration, a Supreme Court increasingly hostile to racial preferences plunged Friday into a teacher-firing case that could lead to a pivotal ruling on affirmative action.

Asked by the administration to stay out of the unusual dispute, the justices instead agreed to decide whether the Piscataway school board unlawfully laid off a white

teacher to protect an equally qualified black teacher.

Arguments in the case will be heard after the court's 1997-98 term begins next fall, and a ruling is expected sometime in 1998.

Lower courts ruled that the Piscataway Board of Education's effort to preserve diversity amounted to racial discrimination. The school board carried the fight to the nation's highest court.

Justice Department lawyers, apparently worried the school board

was entering what could be a precedent-setting battle without enough ammunition, urged the court to leave the lower court rulings intact—action that would set no national precedent.

The case became a rallying cry for Republicans in Congress who seek to dismantle many affirmative action programs after the Bush administration supported the white teacher's complaint with a reverse-discrimination lawsuit against the school board.

When President Clinton took office, the Justice Department tried to switch sides and support the school board and its action in retaining the black teacher.

A federal appeals court treated the government's switch as a request to withdraw from the case, and now the white teacher and the school board are the only combatants. The Clinton administration, however, now may seek the court's permission to re-enter the case.

The dispute dates back to the

school board's 1989 decision to abolish one teaching position in Piscataway High School's business education department.

New Jersey law requires that tenured teachers be laid off in reverse order of seniority, but two teachers—Sharon Taxman and Debra Williams—had been hired on the same day nine years earlier. Taxman is white; Williams is black. Everyone agrees that they

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PLAINFIELD BOARD MAY SUE STATE

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

PLAINFIELD—Schools Superintendent Dr. Larry Leverett is planning to take his districts fight to be considered as an "Abbott district," or "special needs" district to the Supreme Court in a lawsuit against the State of New Jersey, said Leverett in an exclusive interview with City News.

The Board of Education has directed the Administration to begin working with the Education Law Center to begin litigation with the state," Leverett said. "We're contending that the constitutional rights of Plainfield children are being violated by the state."

Recently, the Education Law Center scored a major victory when the State Supreme Court ruled Governor Whitman's Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 (CEIFA) unconstitutional.

Leverett with the Education Law Center, was to meet with a group of at least six families on July 9 in hopes they will join the lawsuit.

School districts in New Jersey are classified by district factor groupings. A through J, the "A" and "B" districts earmarked as special



needs districts. At the time of the original Abbott vs. Burke case, Plainfield was classified as a "C" district, but by 1990 became a "B" district, and the Legislature added it along with Neptune to the special needs list in enacting the Quality Education Act (QEIA).

After May's court ruling against CEIFA, the court ordered the state to provide for parity between all school districts by September 1997.

The ruling, however, only included the 28 districts included in the original Abbott vs. Burke case and Plainfield and Neptune had been dropped from the list.

Said: "President Donald R. R-22nd district, explained Plainfield and Neptune's omission is due to the fact that they were not part of the original case, and were added only seven years ago" (Senator) John Lynch was

speaker then and he put them on," he said. "This current case only centered around the original 28 districts. This case didn't require them to be added."

Dr. Leverett said that although there are mechanisms currently in place, should a district fall behind in the future, more may need to be done. "We may need to review the whole idea as to what is a special needs district and what is not," he

said. "There may be some districts that need to be placed on the list and some that can be taken off, but it's something we need to address after the election."

Leverett believes Plainfield's omission was based on political maneuvering by Governor Whitman and Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz. Ironically, Pemberton Township remains one of the Abbott

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Black smokers want their own tobacco settlement

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Black smokers who object to the \$360 billion tobacco settlement mistakenly claimed blacks were not included in the negotiations, a lawyer who was involved in the discussions said.

United Black Smokers of America, a group based in New Orleans which says it has 100,000 members, complained Wednesday that blacks were entitled to participate because tobacco marketing specifically targeted blacks.

"Tobacco companies, you found

12 million black smokers to sell your products to and yet you could not find five or six smokers to invite to the table to talk about settlements," James Hill, the organization's spokesman, said at a news conference.

Russ Herman, a New Orleans attorney who participated with the nation's first class-action lawsuit against the tobacco industry, disagreed. He said blacks were involved in the negotiations both as plaintiffs and as lawyers.

Several minority groups including military personnel, teens, Asians and other groups were also targeted, Herman said.

"In this settlement every targeted group is provided for," Herman said.

The settlement, reached last Friday between states and the tobacco industry, still needs approval by Congress and the White House. It would give the government more regulatory control over cigarette ingredients and drastically cut back

on tobacco advertising.

The black smokers group wants its own negotiations with the tobacco industry, a study of how tobacco products have impacted the black community and a system for smokers

ers to bring class-action lawsuits.

The group also wants the tobacco industry to admit to and apologize for specifically targeting the black community.

COMMENTARY

Black America's Smoking Gun

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

With his singleness, saxophone, hip clothes, Joe Camel has become one of the most recognizable figures on billboards in Black neighborhoods. In a two-mile stretch in South Central Los Angeles I counted 24 billboard ads. Two were for Joe Camel, and nine were for other cigarette brands (liquor ads were a close second). The recent admission by R. J. Reynolds that it deliberately markets cigarettes to minors was no surprise to Black antismoking activists. They have waged a long campaign to get Reynolds to stop targeting Black youth with its ads. They haven't won yet. Reynolds is protesting the proposed FTC ban on the ad.

This is not the first time that Black activists have gone after the tobacco companies. In 1990 Black pressure forced R.J. Reynolds to drop its Upson brand, and in 1995 a cigarette distributor in Massachusetts pulled Menthol X from stores after Black activists complained that it played on the association with Malcolm X.

Black activists are right to be outraged at the tobacco companies. The damage smoking causes to African Americans is staggering. Nearly half of Black adults smoke (compared to 37 percent of white

adults). They die from lung cancer at a rate 50 percent higher than whites, and have higher rates of heart and respiratory ailments than whites.

The problem is that while the tobacco industry is an equal opportunity polluter, it is not an equal opportunity spender. Decades ago it discovered that by generously spreading its mega-bucks among Blacks it could win goodwill, sanitize its image, and hook generations of Blacks on cigarettes. In the 1930s cigarette companies published a guide for Blacks to find non-segregated public accommodations. In the 1950s, cigarette companies were the corporate pioneers in using African-American models in their ad pitches. Since the 1960s they have been among the corporate leaders in hiring and promoting Blacks into managerial and professional positions.

But advertising has been the industry's major trump card to win the lungs of Blacks. The major Black magazines such as Ebony, Essence, and Jet, Black newspapers, and radio stations have long crammed their pages and filled their airwaves with cigarette and liquor ads. Although the publications now attract more diverse major corporate advertisers, cigarette advertising

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Kansas man who sought racial justice for 50 years says: Clinton apology 'feeble gesture'

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)—President Clinton's recent efforts to begin a national discussion on race relations is "a feeble gesture in the right direction," according to one of the nation's experts on slavery.

Richard Sheridan, of Lawrence, has spent 50 years studying and writing on topics ranging from cruel 18th century Caribbean sugar plantation to the anti-slavery struggles in the United States.

"Slavery has been my great obsession," Sheridan said. "Exposing its horror and its lasting effects because the mission of my life."

But Sheridan believes Clinton's efforts to discuss race are not nearly enough.

"Even an apology wouldn't begin to deal with the legacy of slavery," he said. "It's become popular to say that it's time to put slavery behind us, time for the poor to take responsibility for themselves. People who say such things are either racists or simply ignorant about the ongoing cycles of racism, oppression and poverty that slavery unleashed."

Sheridan grew up in Quaker family in Emporia. His father, a salesman, and mother, a school teacher, spoke often of justice and peace.

Nevertheless, his deep-seated sense of justice did not surface until World War II. While a cadet at a naval officer's candidate program he heard another cadet propose a "solution" to America's race problem. "We ought to herd all the (black people) onto a boat, haul it out to sea, and torpedo it," the man said. Sheridan, generally gentle and retiring, wanted to beat the man but resisted.

"Quakers could be very secretive, controlled, almost Machiavellian in the struggle for justice," Sheridan said. "I guess that's in my roots."

One of Sheridan's ancestors, Levi Coffin, was a Quaker merchant in Cincinnati who always kept a light burning on his wharf to guide slaves escaping across the Ohio River from Kentucky. Coffin also was a national leader of the Underground Railroad, a network of former slaves and white sympathizers that led thousands of fleeing slaves to freedom before the Civil War.

After World War II, Sheridan did graduate work in economics at the University of Kansas. In 1948, he went to England to earn a doctorate at the London School of Economics.

His work led to a study of the colonial sugar trade in the West Indies. During three years of research, he was outraged to find slavery drove the enterprise: 12 million slaves delivered to the Indies and the American colonies. 3 million died en route and millions mutilated, beaten, starved, raped and murdered.

"It had been revealed before," he said, "but not pursued in detail." Although Sheridan went on to teach economics at the University of Kansas in 1951, he and his wife, Audrey, continued to travel — researching and writing about the slave trade.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

UNION—Valerie Vaughn, troubadour extraordinaire, will present "Songs For Our Environment" at Trailside Nature & Science Center. For more information call 908-793-3670.

WESTFIELD—For people caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones a support group meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 908-233-8757.

BLOOMFIELD—Summer Concert Series at Brookdale Park. Golden Oldies Night Featuring "The Duprees". For more information 973-269-3500.

UNION—Comcast Cablevision of NJ will sponsor a live concert featuring The Mahoney Brothers doing all The Juke box Heroes you remember from the 1950's and 60's. For more information call 908-527-4900.

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Public Library hosts an indoor gardening show by staff from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. For more information call 908-354-6060.

WEST ORANGE—The South Mountain Arena presents the Essex County 4th Fair. For more information call 973-331-3828.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

PLAINFIELD—The Literacy Volunteers of America-Plainfield affiliate under the auspices of the Plainfield Public Library will hold its monthly tutor workshop. Guest speaker will be Hubert Reader, a noted poet and Literacy Volunteer reading/math tutor. For more information, call 755-7998.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

EDISON—The JFK Advantage program will present a free food and sugar screening for diabetes. Individuals are instructed not to eat or drink anything after midnight July 10. For more information call 1-800-222-3116.

NEWARK—WGOB 98.3 FM presents "Using the Ballot to Fight Apathy: Where is community Action 30 years After the Riots at Rutgers University?" Newark Campus. For more information call 201-624-8880.

UNION—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the County's two outdoor swimming facilities are now open for the public's enjoyment. For more information, call 908-381-0445.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

EAST ORANGE—The 8th Annual East

Orange kids' Fest "Go & Say Africa" for children pre-kindergarten to grade 5. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 201-268-5147.

HOLMDEL—Monmouth County Park System will hold a free grain harvesting demonstration. For more information call 732-842-4000.

MONDAY, JULY 14

COLTS NECK—Roller Hockey Camps at the Drottler Recreation Area. For more information, call 908-842-4000.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area Chapter of the Red Cross sponsors an open blood drive at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. For more information call 908-756-6414.

PISCATAWAY—Lead Training Course at ECHS. Centers for Education and Training. For more information, call 732-335-0062.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

NEWARK—Branch Brook Park's Molten Revere featuring "Smooth". For more information call 973-268-3500.

EAST ORANGE—City Hall's Jazz at the Plaza, featuring Manny Quintero's 7th Line. For more information call 973-268-5123.

METUCHEN—The Metuchen Senior Center and the JFK Advantage program will sponsor a free seminar to discuss hearing aids and hearing loss. For more information call 1-800-222-3116.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield/North Plainfield Urban Women's Center presents Non-Traditional career seminar. For more information call 908-756-3500.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

NEWARK—Air Services Development Office is pleased to present its first Round Table Workshop. For more information, call 201-961-4278.

EASTON, PA—The Crayola Factory will be going for the Guinness Book of world records with their largest musical chairs game planned for 8:30. Call now registration and for more information at 610-253-6271.

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Public Library host a lecture on the state of Medicare. For more information call 908-354-6060.

EDISON—The JFK Advantage program and the Egan financial group will present a short seminar to help you prepare for your future with dignity and financial security. For more information call 1-800-222-3116.

Anheuser-Busch salutes NNPA annual convention



Ron Smiley (right), corporate affairs Mid-Atlantic region manager for Anheuser-Busch Companies, is accompanied by NNPA President Dorothy Leavell (left), in presenting the Russwurm award to Philadelphia Tribune publisher Robert W. Bogle (center) at the NNPA Annual Convention held in Norfolk, Va. Anheuser-Busch has been a continued supporter of the NNPA, a group of publishers representing the nation's African-American newspapers, which has been involved in the general advancement of the African-American press. The NNPA holds contests annually as competitive incentives for improved excellence in all major phases of newspaper publishing. The Russwurm award, named after the co-founder of the Freedom Journal (the first African-American newspaper), was presented to Bogle's Philadelphia Tribune because the newspaper won the most points during the newspaper competition.

Thomas Edison president reappointed to national quality panel

Trenton, Dr. George A. Pruitt of Trenton, president of Thomas Edison State College, has been reappointed to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. The reappointment extends to Sept. 30, 1999.

Under Dr. Pruitt's direction, Thomas Edison State College has emerged as the national leader in higher education for adults.



Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College.

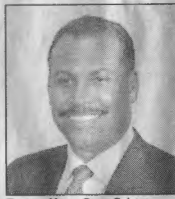
Bollwage, Palmer named to Mayors' advisory board

SAN FRANCISCO—Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage and Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer have been appointed to serve in the leadership of the US Conference of mayors as members of its prestigious Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board is part of the formal leadership sequence of the US Conference that also includes the Trustees, Executive Committee, Vice President and President. Consisting of 23 members, the Board functions in an advisory capacity to the officers and trustees on questions concerning Conference programs and policies. Its members serve for as long as they remain in City Hall.



Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage "I am honored and thankful to my fellow Mayors for my selection as a member of this board," Bollwage said. "My ongoing work



Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer on behalf of the Conference and my experience as a Mayor of New Jersey's fourth largest urban center has helped prepare me to play a role in shaping our national agenda.

Brotherhood annual conference



Caption: Left to right: Ben O'Neal, Special Assistant to Superintendent of Newark Public Schools; Lawrence Hamm, Chairman of NJ Million Man March; Shah Wilson, President of Brotherhood Academy, High School Redirection, Newark.

There are a lot of people who care about preparing young men for the future in Newark. The man who got some of them together is Reverend George Ryder, Assistant Director- Family Institute and Adolescent Programs of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey.

With Newark Public School

sponsorship, Reverend Ryder has established a Brotherhood Club that presents "Young Men preparing for the 21st Century" on May 16.

Three hundred young men from fourteen high schools in Newark gathered on Friday, May 16 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology for the BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Rev. Ryder

quoted the late civil rights leader, Malcolm X Shabazz saying, "Education is the passport to the future and tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." He went on to say, "...this conference is being held to help prepare you socially, academically, culturally and, yes, even sexually."

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Lewis Opposes Republican Tax Proposal

U.S. Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) has expressed strong opposition to the Republican tax proposal unveiled by Bill Archer (R-TX) chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. "This proposal is not progressive, not fair and not acceptable," Lewis said.

The Republicans have crafted a tax proposal that is a trip to the candy store for Republicans and their rich friends," he added.

Lewis stated that while the wealthy will get a capital gains tax cut and relief for their estates, the working poor's only relief will be the tax cuts for education and children — tax relief insisted on by Democrats. He further pointed out that President Clinton's proposal would have guaranteed a \$35 billion in tax incentives for education and money for expanding empowerment zones.

Lewis insisted the Republicans broke their deal with President Clinton and the American people. "Republicans had the opportunity to craft a fair tax bill that benefits all Americans. They chose not to do so. Instead they used this opportunity to provide tax breaks to those who need them least. It's a shame and disgrace," he admonished.

Lewis vows to fight to improve the bill as it is considered before the committee.

Annan Renews Call for End to Freetown Coup

NEW YORK — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has said that the coup organizers in Sierra Leone, cannot cling to power in the face of international isolation. He has renewed his call for them to give up.

"I did appeal to them very early in the game to reconsider their position, particularly given the fact that the people do not accept them," Annan told a press conference in New York. "So far from them to really persist with this enterprise is going to be extremely difficult for them and for the people," he said. Annan expressed his hope that the threat of force and the current efforts to seek a negotiated resolution of the conflict, would convince them to return power to the country's legitimate government.

Junior Sierra Leonean army officers, allied with rebels of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), toppled the country's elected President, Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, on May 25, forcing him to flee to neighboring Guinea.

The coup, the third in the country in five years, has attracted an unprecedented international condemnation.

The 16-nation Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has vowed to reverse the coup by force if the rebels fail to give up power.

Uganda Bans Caning On African Children's Day

KAMPALA, Uganda — On June 9, 1997, Uganda officially banned the caning of children in schools, the country's state-owned radio reported. The ban was announced in Kampala on the Day of the African Child, which is observed all over the continent in memory of the South African children who were massacred by policemen of the apartheid regime during the 1976 students' uprising. "With immediate effect, caning of children and all forms of punishment that inflict pain in school children during the learning process is prohibited," said Brigadier Jim Muhwezi, the minister of state for education. In 1990, June 16 was designated by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) as the Day of the African Child. Uganda has commemorated this day since 1991. "The government of Uganda is committed to the promotion of the rights of the child, as fundamental human rights that must be observed by all citizens," Muhwezi said. The ban on caning comes as a relief to parents and children in the wake of several cases of torture and maiming of students by their teachers in schools in Uganda.

President names members of advisory board to the President's initiative on race



President Clinton held his first meeting with the members of his newly appointed Advisory Board in the Oval Office, Friday, June 13. Pictured from left to right are: Robert Thomas, Suzan D. Johnson Cook, William F. Winter, John Hope Franklin, President Clinton, Angela E. Oh, Linda Chavez Thompson, and Thomas H. Kean.

Presid. at Clinton appointed seven members to an advisory board for "One America in the 21st Century: The President's Initiative on Race."

The advisory board will counsel the President on his initiative to promote a national dialogue on controversial issues surrounding race.

The advisory board members were selected based on their outstanding

leadership on the issues of race and their contributions to America's ongoing efforts to achieve racial reconciliation. The President sought a group that would provide diversity on a number of fronts, be respected in their fields and work together, exemplifying the relationships he hopes the whole initiative will engender.

New evidence to determine trial for Mumia

By Tracey Laxner

PHILADELPHIA — Despite the sweltering heat last Thursday, supporters of journalist and death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal rallied outside city hall for his freedom while Judge Albert Sabo heard new testimony for the case.

Pamela Jenkins, a federal witness in an ongoing trial that put four police officers in prison for coercive testimony in various cases, testified for on behalf of the defense team for Mumia.

According to her testimony, Jenkins was a paid informant for officer Thomas Ryan in 1981 and he and other officers pressured her to say she saw Mumia shoot Officer Daniel Faulkner even though she wasn't at the scene of the crime.

Jenkins also testified that the prosecution's star witness in the 1982 trial, Cynthia "Lucky" White, had said that "she was afraid of the police and that the police were trying to get her to say something."

Despite police reports that White has been dead since 1992, Jenkins testified that she recently saw White getting into Ryan's

truck.

Jenkins in the original trial, also testified that she was addicted to crack cocaine since 1987 and that she used the money she earned from Ryan to purchase the drug.

The June 26 hearing was ordered by the Supreme Court to put Jenkins's testimony on the record. Based on this new evidence, the Supreme Court of Philadelphia will determine whether or not to grant Mumia a new trial.

Mumia, a journalist and activist, was sentenced to death on July 3, 1982, for the shooting of police officer Daniel Faulkner on December 9, 1981. However, because of questionable evidence surrounding the prosecution's case, many national and international organizations ranging from activist groups to religious affiliations have taken up the cause for Mumia's freedom, with some demanding a new trial and others demanding his immediate release from prison. Mumia has been on death row for 15 years.

According to Lennard Weinglass, counsel for the defense,

the testimony heard last Thursday disclosed that White was fearing for her life when she testified, that the police were hiding White, and that Pamela Jenkins was the third prostitute to be manipulated by the police in this case.

Judge Sabo would not allow any other witnesses for the defense, including other police officers. "You guys go to the Supreme Court if you want to do that," he told the defense.

After the luncheon recess, however, Sabo reversed his own ruling and heard testimony by a number of witnesses for the prosecution.

Jenkins also told the court that she was in fear for her 10 year old

daughter's life and afraid of police retaliation for testifying. Jenkins gave her statement on May 30 and was arrested on June 5.

During the lunch time recess, organizers, led by Pam Afrika, were able to raise \$1500 for bail to have Jenkins released from prison that night.

Veronica Jones, of Camden, who recounted her testimony in 1982, said Jenkins was "hanging in there" during questioning. When asked if she feared for her life because she testified on behalf of Mumia she said, "MOVE is behind me 100 per cent. I am always protected."

MOVE is a Philadelphia based black nationalist organization.

NAACP to Convene in Pittsburgh

PENNSYLVANIA — Thousands of NAACP members will converge on Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the 88th Annual NAACP Convention. The convention will open at the David Lawrence Convention Center on July 11 and will conclude on July 17. The theme of this year's convention is NAACP: And Still We Rise.

Delegates will hear from NAACP leaders Myrtle Evers-Williams and Kweisi Mfume as well as national political leaders, entertainment figures, activists, educators, military officials and civil rights leaders from across the country.

Among the many important topics that will be addressed at the Convention are: police brutality, school vouchers, economic empowerment, school desegregation, AIDS, the military justice system, violence, militant militias, racial discrimination, rap music and much more.

In addition, thousands of young people from around the country will participate in the Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO). There will also be a Minority Business Expo, Commerce and Industry Show and a Job Fair.

A national press conference will be held Saturday, July 12 at 12 noon in Room N7 of the convention center. NAACP Chairman Myrtle Evers-Williams and President Kweisi Mfume will address the press and make themselves available for questions about the convention.

For more information about the 88th Annual Convention, travel information and a list of convention highlights go to our web page at www.naacp.org or call the NAACP.

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Veronica Jones, former witness against Mumia Abu-Jamal who recanted her testimony last winter, was among the supporters outside Philadelphia City Hall, where new testimony was being heard. Lennard Africa of MOVE is behind her.

Edmonds appointed to high speechwriting position

President Clinton recently promoted J. Terry Edmonds to the position of Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting, a newly created position. For the past two years he has served as Special Assistant to the President and Presidential Speechwriter. His new role will include additional supervisory and editing responsibilities.

Edmonds took a leave of absence in 1996, and served as Senior Advisor for Speechwriting on the Clinton-Gore campaign. He

is recognized as the first African-American presidential speechwriter.

Prior to joining the White House in March 1995, Edmonds was Deputy Director of Speechwriting for HHS Secretary Donna Shalala. He also has more than 24 years experience as a public affairs and feature writer in both the public and private sectors. He served as Press Secretary for then-Maryland Congressman Kweisi Mfume, and also served as Director of Communications for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

The far right is the real threat

My dear baby brother Mike

NAACP: Going backwards on school

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MONDAY, JULY 14

SCARBOROUGH—The NJ department of labor's employer seminar will present Wage record/ U/DI Taxes & Unemployment benefit processes at the Marriott. For more information call 908-539-7300.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

N.J. The New Jersey Channel features "New Technologies - New Careers" hosted by Steve Aducci, talking with students, teachers and employers on efforts underway in NJ to provide students with the technical skills necessary to succeed in a competitive job market.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

BRIDGEWATER—Somerset County Chamber of Commerce presents a Small Business Council Breakfast "People Power." For more information call 201-539-1552.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

EDDYSTONE, PA—General Meeting of the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council. Sponsored by Boeing. For more information, call 215-993-9977.

MORRISTOWN—NJ Department of Labor, employee seminar on Wage record/ U/DI Taxes & unemployment benefit processes, at The Governor Morris Hotel. For more information call 201-539-7300.

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100 Black Men of NY holds first of three business forums

NEW YORK — Maurice Wingate went into business four years ago with \$14,000. He recently reported to a One Hundred Black Men of New York-sponsored business development breakfast that his firm, Best Domestic Services Agency, Inc., will gross \$2-million this year. The secret, Wingate related, was the adherence to two basic business principles: "find your niche" and "find your angle."

The president and CEO of the New York-based Best Domestic Wingate provides builders, nannies, housekeepers, couples, personal assistants, chefs and other service professionals to almost 3,000 cus-

tomers in New York, Connecticut, California and Florida.

Among his clients are: the Montel Williams Show, Tommy Hilffinger, Ralph Lauren; Tatum O'Neal, Lynn Whitfield and Bobby Bonilla.

Owning an agency for domestic help, Wingate explained, is his "niche." His "angle," he said, is "24-hour baby sitting services." Black Enterprise magazine designated his firm as an "Emerging Company of the Year." Luther R. Gatling, President, One Hundred Black Men of New York, opened the first of three business forums by noting that it is important that African



Maurice Wingate
African-American build wealth in their own

communities. "One way of doing that," he said, "is using businesses to create businesses."

Gatling told breakfast guests at the United Nations Plaza Hyatt Hotel that community leaders must show young Blacks that "we too can create wealth." Gatling noted that this was a vital step in strengthening Black communities.

"We consider the support of business development sessions an

important investment in our communities and in our country," said Frank Gomez, Director of Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., and the sponsor of the event. "Such programs can provide useful information that could be helpful to the small and/or would-be entrepreneur. This, in turn, helps the nation."

SBA PROFILE

JAMES N. CLARK, DDS, FAGD, FADC

Dr. James N. Clark joined Federal Electric Corporation in 1965 as Director of Dental Services for its Job Corps Center in Edison, New Jersey. He designed the Dormitory Dental Center, and organized and hired the staff to meet the health objectives. In 1969, he left to enter full-time private practice in East Orange, New Jersey.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Clark achieved a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Columbia University, and a B.S. degree in Chemistry from City College of New York. He has served as Secretary for the YMCA Board of Directors, and as the Vice President, and President of the Orange YMCA.

He is Vice Chairman of the Institutional Review Committee and an Associate Attendant on the Dental Staff of the Hospital Center at Orange. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Ramapo College from 1981 to 1993 in the role of Vice Chairperson and Chairperson. He is currently serving on Ramapo's Board of Governors.

Dr. Clark is a member of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc. He was chairman of the External Affairs Committee, and is now Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Ad Home Fund Raiser. He is founder and Executive Director of the Black Concerned Citizens of Essex County.

Micro-loans for Newark

NEWARK—Thanks to the cooperative effort between the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium and The Rahway Savings Institution, companies in the area who require just a small amount of financing to improve their business have a new place to turn. This new loan program will enable businesses to qualify for "microloans"—loans in the amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 with a fixed 9.5% interest rate, and with repayment terms of up to five years.

Up to \$200,000 in loans will be available to the following service areas of The Rahway Savings Institution: Carteret, Clark, Cranford, Edison, Garwood, Linden, Metuchen, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Winfield Park and Woodbridge Township.

Loans can be used for inventory, equipment, working capital and to refinance existing business debt.

The Greater Newark Business Development Consortium is one of 103 non-profit organizations throughout the country performing as an intermediary for the U.S. Small Business Administration Microloan Demonstration Program.

"This program will give hope and create opportunity to those who require small loans that are not always available to small business owners through the conventional way," said Kenneth Totten, Vice

President, The Rahway Savings Institution. "We are pleased that the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium has agreed to join us to provide the service that is necessary to deliver this valuable program to businesses within our service area."

Founded in 1851, The Rahway Savings Institution is one of New Jersey's oldest state chartered, mutual savings banks. Noted primarily for their residential mortgage lending programs, the Bank is excited about offering financing opportunities to the area's small businesses.

For information on this program, call David Means at (201) 242-6237, ext 237 or Kenneth Totten at (908) 388-1800, ext 631.

HMFA introduces new 5% mortgages

It has been less than a week since Governor Christine Whitman introduced New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency's (HMFA) newest statewide mortgage program, and commitments for future New Jersey home owners have already topped the \$10 million mark.

HMFA has been inundated with applications from prospective home buyers eager to qualify for a below market-rate mortgage from the \$70

million available using Gov. Whitman's new "Dream Come True" 1 Statewide Mortgage Program. "Dream Come True" makes mortgages available for eligible low- and moderate-income, first-time home buyers at 5% interest with 0 points. In addition, buyers may qualify for mortgages with no money down.

"Home ownership has come to symbolize the realization of the

American dream," said Gov. Whitman. "I am pleased to announce that with the low interest 'Dream Come True' Statewide Mortgage Program, more of New Jersey's hard-working families can now find home ownership within their reach."

A "Dream Come True" Mortgage would make it possible for a family earning \$36,000 a year and paying \$840 per month in rent,

to purchase a home for \$81,500 with the same monthly housing expense. Using a conventional mortgage at 8% interest, the same family would pay \$840 per month for a maximum mortgage amount of \$60,600.

The new "Dream Come True" Statewide Mortgage Program is available through participating area lenders. For more information on HMFA consumer mortgage programs, call 1-800-NJ-HOUSE.

Summit Bank supports community arts at Crossroads



NEW BRUNSWICK—Continuing its tradition of supporting excellence in local theatre, Summit Bank provided financial assistance to Crossroads Theatre Company's upcoming season and was the sole sponsor of the theatrical season finale, August Wilson's "Jitney." Ricardo Khan, artistic director and co-founder of

Crossroads was presented a check from Summit's Aster Sibille, New Brunswick branch manager. Since 1986, Summit Bank is has supported Crossroads Theatre Company, an integral part of the New Brunswick cultural and business community.

Small Business Directory

Discovery Tours

Tour Destination	Departure Date	Single	Double	Triple
*1. 3-Day Caribana (Toronto Cn.) Tour	August 1, 1997	\$250.00	\$160.00	\$140.00
*2. 3-Day Montreal	August 2, 1997	\$310.00	\$205.00	\$157.00
*3. 3-Day Niagara Falls, Cn. Tour	August 15, 1997	\$305.00	\$199.00	\$157.00
4. 3-Day Washington, DC Tour	August 22, 1997	\$275.00	\$160.00	\$149.00
5. 2-Day African-American Heritage Tour of Washington, D.C.	September 6, 1997	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$115.00
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NAACP reconsidering support of school integration

BY JENNIFER C. YATES
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BALTIMORE (AP)—The NAACP is reconsidering its support of school integration because of criticism

that putting black and white children in the same classrooms isn't helping the black community.

Critics say the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People should focus on

improving predominantly black schools instead of busing children away from them. The debate comes as NAACP officials prepare for their annual July 11 in Pittsburgh.

NAACP President Kwesi

Mfume said discussions about the civil rights group's stance on integration has been ongoing, but that doesn't indicate they will change anything.

"The NAACP stands by its founding proposition of a single, fully integrated society," Mfume said. "Issues of population shifts, attitudes on race and changing demographics periodically require a careful review of policies and positions in an effort to measure their effect vs. their intent."

Melvin Skip Alston, president of the North Carolina NAACP State Conference, understands the frustration with busing. But he said reversing positions on the issue of integration won't solve the problems.

"I think busing is a problem. I think it's a primary problem," Alston said. "If busing is unequal to blacks then we need to fix that. But

I don't want my children to have to fight the same fight my grandparents fought."

The NAACP has been a champion of integration since its inception more than 80 years ago.

Thurgood Marshall, who headed the NAACP's legal department, successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education case. That decision banned segregation in schools. Marshall went on to become the nation's first black Supreme Court justice.

Busing, along with housing policies, new school construction, magnet schools and gifted and talented programs, are only individual strategies to improve education, Mfume said.

"Dialogue and discussion on forced busing does not change our course," Mfume said.

Abandoning integration policies now would have damaging consequences on children, said Gary Orfield, a Harvard professor of education and social policy.

"The practical problem is we tried (segregation) for 70 years and it never worked," Orfield said. Separation by race produces separation by poverty, he said.

Integration is the only way to teach children how to live with people who are different from them, said Willis Hawley, dean of the University of Maryland College of Education.

"We know school desegregation can make a difference for kids in positive ways when it is done in the right way and when it does not put enormous hardships on children," Hawley said.

Smoking Gun

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still remains their staple revenue source. The ads show chic, well-dressed, prosperous-looking black couples and families at work and play. This not-so-subtle play on the image of success and upward mobility, stokes fantasies of wealth and power, and conveys the message that the American dream is only a cigarette puff away.

In recent years cigarette makers have become even more adept at playing the image game among Blacks. They design socially-conscious ads in Black publications that tout Black leaders and celebrities, praise Black historical figures, scientists, artists, and events, and promote their sponsorship of scholarship, business, and equal opportunity promotional programs for Blacks. It's worked.

In 1991 Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan found out how beholden many black publishers are to the tobacco industry when he invited them to a meeting to discuss the adverse

effects of tobacco advertising in the Black communities. Only one magazine publisher and only a handful of newspapers showed up.

The tobacco industry's largesse doesn't stop with ads. Nearly every major Black cultural event held during the past decade has had a tobacco or liquor company as its primary sponsor. Cigarette makers provided major funding to the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, the Dance Theater of Harlem, the Annual Harlem Week Festival in New York, and the 200 city Ebony magazine fashion fair.

The industry also cloaks itself in the mantle of progressive political activism and as a champion of civil rights and Black causes. It has doled out millions in gifts, and contributions to social and political groups such as the National Urban League, the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as generous sums to the SCLC, the NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, and the National Caucus of Black State Legislators. They claim that congressional budget cuts in funding to arts and non-profit organizations, and the increasing miserliness of corporate contributors force them to seek funding wherever they can get it.

They defiantly swear that the tobacco companies attach no strings to their contributions, and make no attempt to influence their organizations' policies. Incredibly some go even further and hail the tobacco companies as good corporate citizens whose contributions to education, political and social causes enrich Black life.

These are self-serving arguments. Many Black organizations have raised significant amounts of money for cultural and educational causes, and many Black leaders have waged effective campaigns for civil rights and political empowerment without taking a nickel of tobacco money.

Black anti-smoking activists realize that when they fight the tobacco companies they are bumping heads with one of the best organized, best financed, and propagandized savy industries on the planet. But with the health of thousands of young African Americans at stake, it's well worth the fight. -30-

Responses may be sent e-mail to: Earl Ofari Hutchinson: ehutch34@aol.com, Tel: 212-288-0266. Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of "The Assassination of the Black Male Image."

she had never been fired.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judge's ruling by an 8-4 vote last August.

The appeals court said Title VII prohibits any race-conscious decision-making if it is not taken to remedy past discrimination.

In the appeal argued on Friday, the school board relied heavily on the Supreme Court's landmark 1978 ruling that first condoned the concept of affirmative action.

Taxman's attorney, Stephen E. Klausner, said Friday he expects the high court to affirm the appeals court ruling.

"I'm going to argue that this isn't an affirmative action plan, that this is pure race discrimination, that the issue the board is arguing has never been approved by any court ever, that the plan that they have doesn't even mention diversity," Klausner said.

School district attorney David Rubin did not return telephone mes-

sages from The Associated Press on Friday.

In its 1978 decision, the court said that racial diversity could be a factor in a university's admissions decisions but that rigid racial quotas could not be used.

Since then, the court's rulings on the legitimacy of affirmative action by private and public employers and government set-aside programs have been far from consistent.

In its last full-blown decision on affirmative action, the court in 1995 curtailed in sweeping terms the federal government's power to give special help to racial minorities.

Racial Hiring

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were equally qualified.

The school board laid off Taxman because Williams was the only minority teacher in the 10-teacher business department. The school board never had discriminated against black employees, and in 1975 had adopted an affirmative action plan that favored racial diversity "when candidates appear to be of equal qualification."

Soon after her layoff, Taxman filed a racial-bias complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She said the board's action violated an anti-bias law known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

By the time a federal judge ruled for Taxman, the school had been rehired. She was awarded \$144,000 in back pay and damages, and the board was ordered to treat her seniority as if

Assemblyman Jerry Green worked earnestly to support Plainfield school children, that we had bipartisan support from those two area legislators. That was very unusual for me to experience, the level of bipartisan support."

"We are hoping we can get some support in both houses," Green said, noting he has also been meeting with Levertt and parents in the community to discuss their strategy.

Green intends to maintain a bipartisan strategy in obtaining "special needs" status for Plainfield. "This becoming a political football does not serve the children of the city of Plainfield," he said. He also noted that the Plainfield community has been very active with this issue, with the parents planning a letter writing campaign to the Governor stressing the importance of putting Plainfield back on the list. "It's really brought the community together," he said.

DiFrancesco also expects the Senate and Assembly to pass the bill sometime by the end of the year. He did say that although including Plainfield is still preferred, but because of Abbott vs. Burke Plainfield is in a better position than before. He points out that \$2 million was given to Plainfield as a result of the court case and \$500,000 was added to the budget. "More money had been put into Plainfield because of the court case. Had we not had the court case, Plainfield would be worse off."

Regarding Levertt's plan for a lawsuit, DiFrancesco said, "I'm not sure that this is the right thing to do, but it's his prerogative."

Levertt is seeking support of parents and organizations in the community.

For more information call (908)753-3155.

School sues state

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omission was based on political maneuvering by Governor Whitman and Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz. Ironically, Pemberton Township remains one of the Abbott districts, although it is classified as a "C" district, an upgrade from its original "B" designation. "Pemberton is not as intensely represented by children of color, nor does it have the same degree of poverty among children as Plainfield," Levertt said. "Fortunately for Pemberton they are represented by Republican legislators."

Roger Shatzkin of the State Attorney General's office and Peter Peretzman of the State Department of Education said they will not comment on a suit that may be pending. Peretzman, however did say that the Supreme Court decision did note in its decision that any district in the future that wishes to be considered a special needs district, should petition the Commissioner. Levertt said that petition will be part of his litigation.

In May, Assemblymen Gerald Green and Tom Smith sponsored a bill to amend the definition of "Abbott district" to include Plainfield and Neptune. With bipartisan support in both the State Assembly and Senate, the bill missed a vote before the Legislative session adjourned.

Green does plan, however to reintroduce the bill next session. "We have worked hard legislatively," Levertt said. "We believe that Senator DiFrancesco and



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Briefs

Science H.S. scores high at national debate tournament

NEWARK—Science High School debating team recently placed in the top ten percent of the National Forensic League National Finals in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The NFLN finals is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the nation. Nadir Joshua represented Science High School at that tournament and ranked 16th in the category of Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Crafts & Classic Car show to benefit Passaic United Way

TOTOWA—Devotees of classic cars will find a wonderland at "Cruise Back to Yesterday VI," a special Classic Car & Crafts Show that will benefit United Way of Passaic County. The show will be held July 27, 1997 at Brogan Cadillac Oldsmobile Company, US Highway No. 46 East, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Elizabeth to begin hi-tech finger printing

ELIZABETH—Mayor Chris Bollwage announced today that the City of Elizabeth has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to install a high-tech electronic finger printing system in the Police Department.

The Fully Integrated Fingerprint Identification System (FIFIS), accredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), will dramatically accelerate processing time while increasing accuracy. Elizabeth is one of eight cities selected by the State Police to receive the system, which should be implemented by late October.

Prudential to sponsor summer reading challenge

The Prudential Foundation again has provided generous funding to sponsor The Newark Public Library's annual "Summer Reading Challenge," the premier reading and literacy program for Newark's school children, grades pre-K through 8. This year's theme is Readers Are Leaders.

The festive program kicked off June 26, with a fun-filled rally in Washington Park, featuring entertainment, a special gift, and refreshments.

The Prudential Foundation's "Summer Reading Challenge" encourages children to include the adventure of reading in their summer activities. It rewards their efforts with popular fun events and a step-system of prizes. During the last few summers, 5,000 participating Newark children have read more than 40,000 books.

Coalition to Restore Voting Rights to picket Newark Schools

NEWARK—The Coalition to Restore Voting Rights (CORE) will be picketing the Newark Public Schools at 2 Cedar Street in Newark on Tuesday, July 24, at 6pm to protest the intimidating, and anti-democratic, atmosphere of the Advisory Board meetings.

CORE Vote will picket that day to draw attention to the approximately 60 teachers and school workers who were laid off because of their alleged involvement in an insurance scam.

The state strippe, the elected Newark Board of Education of power in 1995.

CORE Vote has protested the state's actions to cut the budget, layoffs of hundreds of employees, privatize services, hiring of dozens of administrators bureaucratic officials at exorbitant salaries.

Court: Stores must keep shoppers safe

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Stores that do not provide adequate protection for their customers could be held liable for crimes that occur on their property, the Supreme Court ruled.

Judges said the 6-0 ruling does not mean stores are required to hire security guards, but they should take reasonable precautions to protect their patrons from death or injuries in the parking lot.

Protective measures could include "security guard as well as other security

systems or warnings deemed reasonable under all the circumstances," the court said in a 31-page decision written by Justice James H. Cavanagh Jr.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed by the family of Kathleen Dalton, 79, a retired schoolteacher. Dalton was not jacked in the parking lot of the Foodtown Supermarket in Red Bank in 1991 and later found dead of suffocation.

Her assailant, Philip Reardon, was caught and eventually convicted of kid-

napping, robbery, theft and murder.

The family sued Food Circus Inc., owner of the supermarket, claiming the Foodtown parking lot had no security at all, but a lower court judge dismissed the case.

The Supreme Court ruling overhauled a divided appellate decision last year that upheld the lower court's dismissal. Two of the appeals judges said the Foodtown could not be held liable for damages because the crime could not be

foreseen, noting there was no proof of Foodtown patrons had been robbed before.

But a dissenting appellate judge said the supermarket should have known that crime was on the rise in the area, and should have taken even modest steps to deter crime in the parking area.

The high court's decision is also expected to affect at least two other law-

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Mobil reaches out to Trenton's community

FAIRFAX, VA.—The Mobil Oil Co., has been pumped-up in more ways than one about its commitment to Trenton's African-American community, having announced the next in an ongoing series of exciting "Community Weekend" events being held in cities all across the country, designed to benefit and empower area residents. Aptly themed "Mobilizing Our Community," a two-day event in Trenton was on Friday, June 27th and

Saturday, June 28th, at the Mobil station at 1497 Prospect Ave. (at Olden).

Each day's activities featured, and education for everyone, including voter registration, health screenings, child video IDs, raffles, prizes, balloons, a live radio remote broadcast, refreshments and more. Mobil franchising and employment applications were additionally taken on-site. Previous Community Weekends have been

hosted thus far in Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia, Plainfield, New Jersey and in Pontiac, Michigan.

"We're coming to Trenton resolved to truly affect some change from the grassroots level," says Anthony P. Smith, Mobil ethnic marketing manager. "Our focus continues to be to bring jobs, health and other much-needed services directly into the neighborhoods," he added. "We're seeking to increase our pool

of African American franchise applicants, and answer questions about 'care' opportunities with Mobil.

Mobil is a leading oil, natural gas and petrochemical company with operations in more than 125 countries.

The company markets gasoline in 28 states and the District of Columbia through more than 8,000 branded stations.

Crime down in Newark

By Kenneth B. McGill

NEWARK—A report recently released by the Newark Police Department shows an overall drop in crime in the city for 1995 versus 1996, with its biggest decrease in arson.

Crimes considered punishable such as robbery, burglary, and auto theft were among the police department's biggest decline. For instance, auto theft was down from 9,865 in 1995 to 8,351 in 1996, a 15.3% decrease. The least reduction in

crime came from murder, with a 2.9% decrease, with 103 murders in 1995 vs. 100 in 1996.

Joseph J. Santigo, Director of Police, attributes the decline in crime to an increase in community outreach, more patrol officers on the streets, and more narcotics arrest. "We decided to attack crime by going back to basics," said Santigo. In June and July 1997, officers were transferred from administration and investigation and put out into the streets."

Santigo noted that people who

use drugs usually steal, and those who sell drugs often commit violent acts to protect their sales, so by attacking drugs, narcotics arrest have been up 18%.

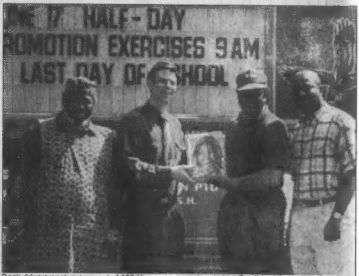
Jason C. Guice, Sr. Pastor at Hopewell Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Boulevard and Muhammad Ali Avenue, said that he has noticed a drop in crime in the area, which is usually a heavily populated thoroughfare at all times of the day.

"As a church in the Central

Ward we fill there has been a drop in crime," said Guice. "The visibility of police and their response to the calls for police assistance is certainly noteworthy." He also added that the citizenry are a factor in aiding the police in crime.

Since taking over as Director in June of 1996, Santigo said the department has added an additional 220 police officers. "For the first five months of this year the number of arrest have already increased 10%," said Santigo.

The Mabohanday Club launches book-drive



Book-drive organizers accepted 100 Yes magazines donated by New Publishing Co. Pictured from L-R: Babette Robinson, Public Relations Chairman, Roger W. Cavale Jr., 5th grade math teacher at Maxson Middle School, Art Brian, Chairman of the Book-drive Committee for the Frederick Cultural Alliance, and John Santiga, chair of the Mabohanday Club of Sierra Leone Africa

PLAINFIELD—The Mabohanday Club of Sierra Leone Africa/Freedom Cultural Alliance Organization publicly launched its book-drive to collect books for the school children of Sierra Leone, Africa. The book-drive concept originally started at a Maxson Middle School Black History Month Program, sponsored through a partnership effort of the Maxson School Library Media Club and local businesses, residents, and corporations.

Last Thursday the first batch of donated books were received at Maxson School establishing the first ongoing designated book collection center for the project. This

book-drive effort will involve, hopefully, a partnership initiative to include other schools, social service community groups, churches, synagogues, masjids, corporations, small local businesses, libraries, and the like, or just simply individuals who will donate books. In as much as these book donations would target Sierra Leone Students of school age, involved in academic pursuits, many of such students very often do not have books at all for their school studies or otherwise.

To send books or be a partnership to the students of Sierra Leone Africa, please contact Mr. Bean at 908-753-3329 or 908-757-5061.

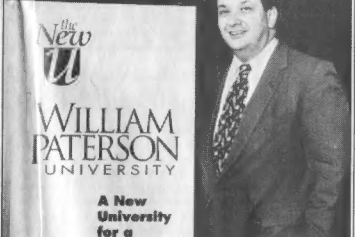
County Sheriff's office awarded \$25,000 for feasibility study

UNION COUNTY—Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich announced that his office has been awarded a \$25,000, grant by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. The grant represents funds used to hire a consulting firm to conduct a Financial Feasibility Study for a county wide Animal Control Program.

Sheriff Froehlich stated that the

county wide Animal Control Program is part of the Union County Shared Services initiative. Shared Services is a relatively new strategy that has been developed by government planners in an effort to identify those services that are amenable to increased efficiency through the combining of resources. The ultimate goal is to provide tax relief to the citizens of Union County while maintaining or improving the level of services that are provided.

WP turns University



Arnold Speert, president of The William Paterson University of New Jersey, celebrates the institution's change from a college to a university on June 27, 1997.

Wayne W. With on Paterson College has been officially designated as a university by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. Effective immediately, it will be called The William Paterson University of New Jersey.

The commission voted at its meeting on June 27, to approve university status for the northern New Jersey institution which is recognized for the strength of its faculty, its academic and cultural programs and its modern science and electronic facilities.

Plainfield's Shari States departs for Governor's School

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School Junior, Shari States, has been selected as a Governor's School scholar for the 1997 session. The Governor's School is a state-sponsored program for high school students that gives teenagers a month of intensive learning at one of four colleges in New Jersey.

States will attend the Governor's School on the Environment at the Richard Stockton College from July 6 to August 2. States was chosen to attend the college after a review by local, state and college committees.

Ms. States, who is interested in biochemistry, has been a participant in science fairs since she was in elementary school. After winning at the ACT-SO New Jersey Sectional Science Competition last year, she participated in the national ACT-SO competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She also won several awards at this year's North Jersey Regional Science Fair.

Scholars selected for the Governor's School get an opportu-



Plainfield High School Junior, Shari States

nity to explore new avenues of knowledge and acquire skills at levels beyond high school," said Dr. Sharon Katz, guidance counselor at Plainfield High School.

The Governor's Schools are supported by a line-item in the state budget and funding from several New Jersey corporations.

McNally announces North Caldwell site

Newark—Essex County Clerk Patrick J. McNally announced this week the opening of a satellite office at the Valley National Bank Building at 9 Bloomfield Avenue in North Caldwell.

According to McNally, the office will be maintained every fourth Wednesday of the month during business hours for the convenience of the public. Passports, Notary Public seals, and Alcohol Beverage Control ID cards, among other services, can now be obtained there.

The starting date for the North Caldwell site is June 25th.

"These services were traditionally reserved for the Hall of Records in Newark," said McNally, adding, "and we decided that if it is difficult for people to get to Newark, then we would make arrangements to come to them."

McNally, calling his office "user friendly," said it is his intention to bring the services of his office to various locations in the suburban area and noted that North Caldwell is conveniently located for citizens in the western part of the county.

The County Clerk also maintains a satellite office in Montclair, which is open on Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and two staffers from the Newark office are assigned there. Services are also offered at town meetings during the week.

The Clerk said he intends to expand the satellite services and said he is looking into a possible site at the Livingston Mall on Eisenhower Parkway.

Newark schools offer summer recreational program

NEWARK—The Newark Public Schools' Summer Youth Development Program (SYDP) will offer free recreational and social activities at 38 schools throughout the district.

Beginning Monday, July 7, the six week program runs weekdays from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. SYDP provides constructive leisure time activities for Newark's youth while enhancing their educational, cultural and physical growth. In addition to offering a variety of activities and events, the program will also provide nutritional snacks.

Daily activities include: arts and crafts, boys' and girls' scouting troops, games, sewing, music, basketball, golf, tennis, aerobics, dance and dramatics, along with tutorial services and programs on social and cultural issues.

Each site will be monitored by two teachers and two aides, along with a City of Newark Summer Youth Employment Program students who will receive on-the-job training as recreational aides.

The SYDP activities are open to all Newark students.

For more information, contact The Newark Public Schools, Office of Health, Physical Education and After School, at 733-7344.



If you are what you eat, why not cut back on fat?

The dangers that lurk this summer

PRINCETON—Burgers on the grill and an ice-cold glass of grapefruit juice may sound perfect for a cookout, but the summer snack could actually mean a trip to the emergency room, not a day at the beach.

"People and their medications are affected by numerous factors specific to the summer months. Your hospital pharmacist can advise you on how to best protect yourself and your prescriptions during this time," explains Patrick Leonard,

director of educational affairs for the New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NJSHP) and a staff pharmacist at CentraState Medical Center, Freehold, NJ.

Barbecued Food Is a Risky Recipe for Asthma Patients

One fact that many people don't realize is that barbecued foods, although tasty, can greatly affect asthmatic patients who are stabilized on Theophyllines (ex.

Theodor). In such patients, charcoal-broiled beef actually lowers blood levels of the drug which can cause their asthmatic symptoms to worsen. This can also occur with a low carbohydrate, high protein diet. NJSHP advises that people with asthma consult with their pharmacist or physician about concerns they have and to carefully monitor their health when eating barbecued foods.

Grapefruit juice can sour your summer

Grapefruit juice is another summertime treat, yet can be dangerous when taken with a group of anti-hypertensive medications called calcium channel blockers (ex. Procardia, Plendil, Norvasc). The grapefruit juice can actually increase the absorption of these medications, leading to serious side effects such as a severe lowering of blood pressure, and can also lead to a heart attack.

What is actually in grapefruit juice that causes this is yet unknown but is being investigated. NJSHP recommends that if you take these medications, you should avoid grapefruit juice. Orange juice or water is a better alternative.

Mixture of Sun & Prescriptions Can Burn

In addition to food/drug reactions, the summer's sun and heat can also affect medications. Certain common antibiotics, such as Tetracyclines (ex. Doxycycline), Fluoroquinolones (ex. Cipro) and Sulfas (ex. Bactrim) can make fair or medium-complexioned people more sensitive to the sun's rays and may initiate sunburn. Also, anti-inflammatory medications (ex. Naproxen and Motrin) and diuretics (ex. Lasix) have the same effect on the body. If sun exposure is unavoidable, a sunscreen is recommended.

Diuretics Deplete, So Drink!

Certain diuretics can also deplete sodium and potassium levels, which need to be maintained at all times. This depletion can be further increased due to excessive sweating in the summer's heat. When these levels decrease, muscle pain, weakness, nausea, vomiting, excessive thirst and restlessness can occur. If not treated, these symptoms can lead to heat stroke. A way to avoid potassium and sodium depletion is to increase fluid intake, such as juices or electrolyte replenishers (ex. Gatorade), and avoid strenuous exercise in the heat while on these medications.

Proper Storage Is Key to Protecting Medication

Finally, NJSHP recommends that medications never be stored in the bathroom because prescription vials are not moisture-proof and moisture can affect the potency of drugs. And because people tend to bathe and shower more often in the

summer, it is especially important to remove medications to a dry, cool place during this time. A closet where children can't reach is an example of a good place to store medications.

Summers are meant to be enjoyed. Making sure your medications are properly taken care of and your health is taken care of is one way to ensure a fun and safe summer," says Leonard.

NJSHP is a non-profit association of health-system pharmacists with more than 1,200 members throughout the state of New Jersey. It's mission is to promote patient-oriented drug therapy and drug use control. NJSHP uses people with medication questions to contact their health-system pharmacist or physician.

For a free check-list of summer safety tips, call NJSHP at 1-800-342-0505, ext. 2205 and ask for kit #3.

When you can't touch where it hurts

By Marsha Hightower, MSW/ACSW
Special to the NNPA

"When you can't touch where it hurts," is the slogan that a colleague submitted many years ago to a contest sponsored by the psychiatric hospital where we both employed. What an apt description of what goes on when pain results from things such as the death of a spouse after 20 years of a rewarding marriage; months of unemployment due to downsizing; or the torment of seeing things that are not there and hearing things that are not said.

The fact that people experiencing psychological and emotional pain cannot touch the site of their injury, in many cases prevents them from talking about it and getting professional help. And not having the words could lead to the conclusion that the pain is not real; that it is "all in the head."

Because of the difficulty that people may experience when trying

to get in touch with their pain, I was delighted a few weeks ago to read a letter written to a magazine advice columnist. The writer asked about a

All in the head

nervous breakdown.

Great, I thought, the columnist will explain that if five people are asked about a nervous breakdown, they will probably give five different definitions and at least that many sets of symptoms. Once and for all, I anticipated, the columnist will clarify that mental health professionals do not use that term and would need more information to offer help. The columnist, I con-

vinced myself, would explain to his audience that perhaps the term breakdown comes from what happens when a person experiences a break from reality and is unable to distinguish what is being sensed inside one's head from what is being experienced in daily life.

I couldn't have been more wrong. The columnist proceeded to describe behaviors and symptoms that are supposedly symptomatic of a nervous breakdown.

The columnist had an excellent opportunity to educate the writer that the medical community has relied on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) since the 1950s. The manual is published by the American Psychiatric Association and it categorizes psychiatric illnesses and syndromes. The current edition, DSM-IV lists symptoms and behaviors for each diagnostic category. It specifies the number and nature of symptoms that must be present and sometimes tells

how long these symptoms must have existed before a specific diagnosis may be applied. The DSM does not recognize nervous breakdown.

What if the writer who feared a nervous breakdown had turned out to be someone whose spouse had recently died? How assuring it could have been to tell this person know that for two months after a death, DSM-IV and the mental health profession consider feelings of sadness, poor appetite, weight loss and insomnia to be symptoms of normal bereavement. Further-more, DSM-IV recognizes that the duration of normal bereavement varies among different cultural groups.

It would have been enlightening for the columnist to educate the distressed writer that community mental health programs, family service

agencies, as well as psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and clinical social workers in private practice are excellent sources of help for psychiatric and emotional concerns. While women tend to seek this help more frequently, think of the African-American men who are in prisons, on drugs, or subsisting on the streets because they don't have the resources to deal with the pain. Fees for mental health services are usually covered at least partially by health insurance benefits. However, some community agencies charge according to clients ability to pay.

When you can't touch where it hurts, the most effective pain relief may come from talking with a professional therapist about where and how it hurts.

Muhlenberg and JFK consolidate health system

The Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Board of Governors and the JFK Health System Board have approved an outline of a consolidation agreement. This agreement was developed by a Joint Consolidation Steering Committee which is composed of board members and key administrators of each organization.

Since consensus regarding the terms was reached by both boards, the talks will continue. These talks are expected to lead to the development of a new health care system, which would include Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, JFK Medical Center the Hartwicks and other subsidiaries.

The term sheet puts forth a shared vision of how best to serve the health care needs of community residents. This vision includes creating an enhanced health care delivery system that will allow the new system to grow in the future while accessible, high quality, cost-effective health care for the Central New Jersey region is provided.

The Committee recognizes that it is important to retain the names and identities of each affiliate. In addition, the team sheet includes these guiding principles:

A reaffirmation of the commitment to our employees and the Communities we serve; The composition of a new corporate board to include representatives from the current Muhlenberg and JFK Health Systems Boards; The development of a new name for the parent company; The naming of the president and CEO of JFK Health Systems as President and Chief Executive Officer of the new system and the Muhlenberg President and Chief Executive Officer as the second most senior member of the new health system.

Carrier Center for counseling and outpatient

Are you feeling worn out from trying to cope with anxiety, fears, stress or worries? Do you feel tense in social situations or overly concerned about the opinions of others? Do you feel anxious or panic-stricken for no apparent reason?

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from an anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders affect more than 13 million Americans each year. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, nearly a quarter of the adult population in the United States will have an anxiety disorder at some point in their lives. The term "anxiety disorders" encompasses a wide range of symptoms, including phobias, panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive behaviors and post-traumatic stress disorder. Anxiety disorders are difficult to recognize because they are often accompanied by other problems, such as depression, substance abuse, eating disorders and suicidal

thoughts. For those afflicted with anxiety, it is an overwhelming and often frightening condition that interferes with daily functioning.

Fortunately, treatment is available and effective for anxiety disorders. Many anxiety disorders can be managed on an outpatient basis, sometimes with a combination of medication and therapy. Treatment is designed to decrease anxiety, help individuals understand their fears, manage tension and introduce effective coping skills so that anxiety need not interfere with everyday life. Anxiety disorders include:

Phobias

Persistent, intense and irrational fears associated with a particular object or situation that lead to avoidance of the object or situation.

Social Phobia

Continuing fear of one or more situations in which the person is exposed to possible scrutiny by others and fears doing something or acting in a way that will be humiliating.

Generalized Anxiety Disorder

Constant, unrealistic worry about two or more everyday occurrences impacting the ability to complete daily activities. Physical symptoms may include muscle aches, fatigue, difficulty sleeping, sweating, dizziness and nausea.

Panic Disorder

Repeated, unprovoked attacks of terror, accompanied by physical symptoms including chest pain, heart palpitations, shortness of breath, dizziness, weakness and sweating.

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Repeated, intrusive and unwanted thoughts (obsessions) that cause anxiety, often accompanied by ritualized behaviors (compulsions) that are performed to relieve anxiety. Common obsessions include fear of

dirt or germs and fear of harming someone. Compulsions may be excessive cleaning, counting, double-checking and hoarding. OCD sufferers recognize their behavior is irrational but are unable to control it.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Caused by a severely distressing or traumatic event. Individuals with PTSD become so preoccupied with this experience that they are unable to lead a normal life. Recurring nightmares and flashbacks, avoidance of anything associated with the trauma, unprovoked anger, jumpiness and insomnia are common symptoms. For more information call 1-800-328-3838.

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EW&F's new album, July 22



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Balancing Act: *A Conversation with Author Anita Richmond Bunkley*

How did you go about researching material for *Balancing Act*?
I used newspaper articles, magazine articles, books, and interviewed people involved in media relations, petro-chemical refining, as well as

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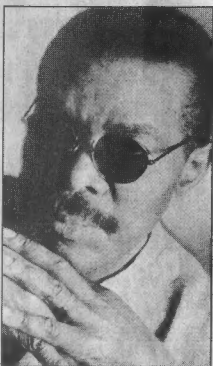
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LEGAL NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking Professional Services to provide Independent Public Accounting to perform audit services of the Authority's public housing program, modernization program, Section 8 program, and the Family Investment Center grant.

The Authority consists of 470 units of conventional housing, 151 Section 8 certificates, and 25 Section 8 vouchers. The Authority has modernization funding in excess of \$7 million. The audit period will be from October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997. All respondents must be familiar with public housing and HUD accounting. A final audit report must be completed and accepted by January 14, 1998.

The audit must be in compliance with all U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and State of New Jersey Community Affairs regulations.

Specification documents can be obtained by calling 973-538-6343. Submit proposals outside a lump sum fee to Mr. David Gardner, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 15, 1997.

578 DAVID GARDNER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

The Morristown Housing Authority is seeking an experienced Fee Accountant firm for its federally funded HUD programs:

Public Housing (470 units): Annual Operating Budget \$2.1 million
Section 8 Rental Assistance Program: 151 certificates, 25 vouchers

Comprehensive Grant Program: \$427,850
Family Investment Center Grant Program: \$500,000

Please submit written proposals, including a lump sum fee, based on twelve (12) month period, commencing 1/1/97, indicating specialized experience, qualifications, & capacity to accomplish assignments to: David Gardner, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early St., Morristown, NJ 07960, no later than 4:00 p.m. on 9/9/97.

57.20

INVITATION FOR BIDS HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PAINT PROGRAM AT ELDERLY PROJECT SITES

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials:

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1997 AT 10:00 A.M.
97-8119071 ASSOCIATED SUPPLIES

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and received in the above dates by the Contracts Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the Contracts Division of the NHA at the said address. Telephone: (201)430-2356.

Bid Bonds and Performance Bonds are not required for these bids. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 975 c.127 Affirmative Action Program.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid opening. The NHA reserves the right to reject any partial bids, and to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the NHA.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

596.20 HAROLD LUCAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1997 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge ("Authority") will receive proposals from attorneys, law firms, collection agencies or other entities to perform collection services on the Authority's behalf. All candidates must demonstrate in their proposals that they are either licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey or are duly registered as a collection agency with the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey. The successful candidate shall be awarded a contract with the Authority to seek collection of debts from prior tenants of the Authority who owe amounts in excess of \$500.

Payment for collection services under the contract awarded shall be on contingency, and shall come only from monies successfully collected and the Authority shall incur no liability for any costs of the collection efforts.

The proposal shall certify that all collection efforts under the contract to be awarded shall be in full compliance with the Federal Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. §1601, et. seq. and all other applicable Federal and State Laws.

The proposals shall be sealed and rated upon the following factors:

1. Proposed percentage of return to the Authority of amounts collected (50%) and
2. Demonstrated capacity of the candidate to collect debts, in particular debts from prior tenants and taking into consideration the demonstrated timeliness of the candidate's collection efforts (50%).

The proposal must therefore clearly state:

1. The percentage of amounts successfully collected which will be retained by the Authority; and
2. Evidence of a successful debt collection history by the candidate.

For further information, you may call Peter J. Ansara, Executive Director, at (202) 834-2750. The Authority reserves the right to cancel the contract entered with the selected candidate if, at the end of six months after the execution of said contract, the Authority determines the selected collection agency has not made progress in the collection of debts satisfactory to the Commissioner of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed to be in the best interests.

SEALED PROPOSALS in response to this "RFP" (original and two copies) shall be due no later than 11:00 AM on August 15, 1997. The sealed proposals should be addressed as follows:

PROPOSAL FOR DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES
Peter J. Ansara, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge
10 Bunn Lane
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

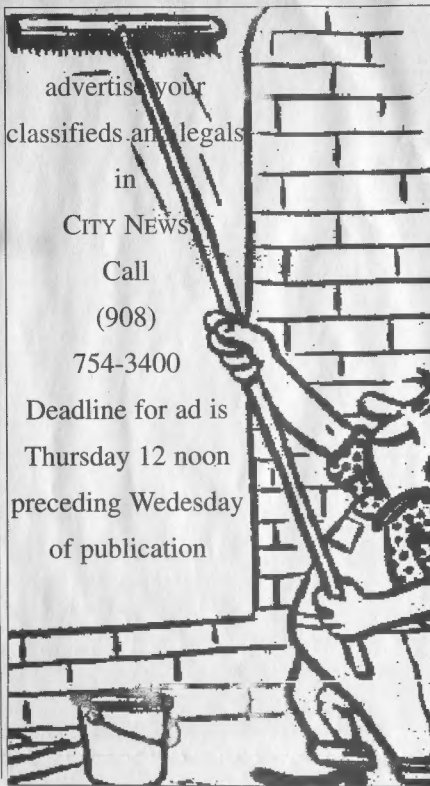
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge will receive proposals from independent contractors to manage, operate and maintain its premises deemed appropriate for the installation of FCC licensed radio communications systems until 11:00 a.m. on August 22, 1997 at the office of Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, located at 10 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

Copies of the Request For Proposal can be obtained at 10 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095. Requests for mailing of documents must be addressed to the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge and be accompanied by a money order or certified check in the amount of \$10.00 (postage and handling fee).

Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed to be in the best interests.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

71.50 PETER J. ANSARA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK/TYPING

Township of Clark (Full time) Police Department is seeking a responsible, detail-oriented, organized individual to provide administrative support. Computer literacy and thorough knowledge of all aspects of administrative duties, practices and equipment required. Minimum of two years college level work in clerical position. Duties include assisting an administrative head of the department. To apply: send letter of application resume to Business Administrator, Township of Clark, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066. Clark Township is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR

Township of Clark, under direction, receives and responds to telephone or other electronic requests for emergency assistance, including law enforcement, fire medical, or other emergency and/or dispatches appropriate units to respond sites: does related work as required. One (1) year of experience in work involving the receiving, transmitting, and relaying of video display and/or radio messages, and in receiving, relaying, and recording of complaints and requests for emergency assistance, which shall have included the use of video display, data processing, automatic number identification, automatic location identification, switching equipment, or other computer-oriented equipment. Completion of training & certification by the Office of Emergency Telecommunications services in the Department of Law & Public Safety as required by NJSA 13B1-2. Proof of the satisfactory completion of this requirement will be submitted with the resume. To apply: send letter and resume to Business Administrator, Township of Clark, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066. Clark Township is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.

FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER-LOGISTICS

The Township of Montclair, a progressive and diverse community consisting of approximately 27 thousand residents living in a suburban atmosphere of 6.2 miles, is seeking an administrative officer - Logistics for the Montclair fire department.

Under the direction of the fire chief, the administrative officer - logistics is responsible for training bureau, fire prevention bureau, computer services and building maintenance, this includes preparation of budget, hazardous material, inventory and purchasing and supervising and evaluating the performance of assigned staff.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: 10 years firefighting experience, with 5 years in a supervisory capacity with 1 year as a captain or above. Instructor level I & II Certificate, fire inspector license, incident command certificate, strong leadership skills, goal oriented management philosophy, strong communication skills and highly motivated.

Bachelor degree, fire official license, arson certificate, emergency management training preferred.

Apply: Township of Montclair Human Resources Department, 200 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, N.J. 07042 Closing August 15, 1997.

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FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - OPERATIONS

The Township of Montclair, a progressive and diverse community consisting of approximately 27 thousand residents living in a suburban atmosphere of 6.2 miles, is seeking an administrative officer - operations for the Montclair fire department.

Under the direction of the Chief, the administrative officer - operations is responsible for fire suppression and fire personnel, which includes scheduling and work assignments, vehicle and equipment maintenance, safety equipment, hazardous materials, and training and evaluating the performance of assigned personnel.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: 10 years firefighting experience, with 5 years in a supervisory capacity with 1 year as a captain or above. Incident command certificate. Strong leadership skills, goal oriented management philosophy, strong communication skills and highly motivated.

Degree in fire science or a closely related field, emergency management training preferred.

APPLY: Township of Montclair Human Resources Department, 200 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, N.J. 07042 Closing August 15, 1997.

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State Briefs

Whitman announces \$210 million to help families buy homes

Governor Christine Whitman announced that the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFJA) has allocated a total of \$240 million for below market rate mortgages and construction financing to make homes affordable for families with low-to-moderate incomes.

"This is an investment in people by making home ownership affordable for New Jersey residents throughout our state," Whitman said. The investment is set to help more than 2,500 families across the state become home owners.

Commissioner appoints charity care committee

TRENTON—Commissioner Len Fishman has appointed a 36-member panel to study options for finding charity care. The purpose of the committee is to identify options that could be used to finance health services to the poor and uninsured in New Jersey.

Fishman said the members represent a cross-section of interests including business, consumers, health insurers, health professionals, hospitals, labor and state government.

New Jersey hospitals are required by law to provide medically necessary services to patients regardless of their ability to pay or the source of their payment. Hospitals are reimbursed by the state for some costs in treating these patients.

Currently, charity care funds can only be used to subsidize care provided in hospitals. The state, however, is seeking a waiver from the federal government to have charity care funds available to provide care outside a hospital setting, potentially in a doctor's office or a clinic. New Jersey would be the first state to use a managed care approach to charity care.

South Plainfield drama Workshop washes its way to Oz

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has scheduled a car/truck/van wash for Sunday, July 13 to benefit their 1997 production of the Wizard of Oz.

Members of the cast will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School parking lot, Plainfield Ave.

A donation of \$5.00 per car or \$7.00 for vans or trucks will be accepted. Rainedate is scheduled for Sunday, July 20.

All proceeds go to benefit the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop which is celebrating its 26th year of serving South Plainfield's youth.

Lipman criticizes Whitman's "borrow and spend" budget

TRENTON—State Senator Wynona M. Lipman, one of two Democrats on the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, released a statement attacking Governor Whitman's \$17 billion state spending plan for the next fiscal year.

"It was wrong to borrow and spend our way to a balanced budget, covering our unfunded pension liabilities with a bond sale that depends on a fickle and risky market," Senator Lipman said.

Lipman also noted that with the proceeds of the bond sale, the Administration went on an unprecedented election-year spending spree and left taxpayers to foot the bill for the biggest budget in State history."

"This budget spends \$2 billion more than [former Governor Jim] Florio's last budget—and it still doesn't meet the needs of the people," Lipman said. "What's worse is that it is paid for, at great added expense to the taxpayers, on borrowed money and borrowed time."

Legal services in New Jersey under microscope

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Taxpayer-funded legal services groups in New Jersey have come under fire by the National Legal Policy Center, a national watchdog of the Legal Services Corporation and its approximately 300 grantees in the federal legal services program.

NLPC's report chronicles allegedly-illegal legal services programs in New Jersey which have continued to engage in ideologically motivated litigation at the expense of meeting the poor's day-to-day legal

needs. The report covers recent abuses in several legal services programs. "Outside there is an example from NLPC's report: 'The August 1996, Hudson County Legal Services stopped a drug-related eviction from Jersey City public housing. The case began in April 1995, when police arrested Walter Myers, a public housing resident, for possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. In October, housing officials informed Myers they were terminating his lease at the end of the month for his drug activity.

However, legal services lawyers claimed that the eviction was illegal because they failed to give Myers at least 30 days' notice of the lease termination. Housing officials argued they didn't have to give accused drug criminals notice on the grounds that all drug-related criminal activity poses an inherent threat to the safety of other residents and it is in their best interest that Myers be evicted as quickly as possible. Legal services stopped the eviction, claiming that the housing authority failed to show how Myers' drug crimes

threatened tenant safety."

"Using taxpayer dollars to defend drug criminals isn't why the legal services program was created. It's actions like this that will ultimately be legal services' undoing," said NLPC Chairman and former Counsel to the LSC Board of Directors Ken Boehm.

NLPC's report on New Jersey's legal services abuses is one of a series of state-by-state reports and the second New Jersey report. For a copy of the report via fax please contact Michael J. Nelson at 709-

847-9015. Through its 1-800-1 Services Accessibility Program, NLPC has been the leading advocacy organization exposing abuses with the federal legal services program. NLPC promotes ethics and accountability—government thorough distribution of the "Code of Ethics for Government Service," and through research, education and legal action. NLPC was a plaintiff in the lawsuit which succeeded in opening the records of Hillary Rodham Clinton's Health Care Task Force.

NJGOP fundraiser to benefit minority candidates

NEWARK — On June 26, Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Secretary of State Lonna Hooks, Leroy Robinson and other New Jersey Republican leaders gathered for an evening of jazz, as the New Jersey Republican State Committee hosted a fundraiser featuring Grammy Award winner, and jazz great, Roberta Flack at the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel.

"Tonight's event shows the depth and breadth of support for the Republican party. We are a party of many faces and backgrounds, but we share one common goal: bringing real reform to New Jersey. We're proud of the progress we've

made in the last 3 1/2 years — cutting taxes, reducing crime, reforming welfare and creating 185,000 new jobs. Now we're going to work together to elect Republicans this fall so we can make sure New Jersey keeps moving forward," stated Chuck Haytman, Chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Haytman continued, "Tonight's event and other events in the months ahead will help raise money for minority voter outreach programs and for promoting Republican minority candidates in this fall's elections. We're committed to electing Republicans across the ticket and across the state this November."

New Brunswick policeman passes



By Brian M. Villa

PLAINFIELD—Edward Curtis Ford, 41, a prominent youth mentor and 21 year veteran of New Brunswick's housing and municipal police departments, died June 30, 1997 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

After completing work this past Father's Day, Ford entered the hospital complaining of a headache, which was diagnosed as a brain aneurysm. Emergency surgery was performed and he appeared to be in recovery. Approximately one week later, his condition worsened and he never regained consciousness.

"Sergeant E.C. Ford was an outstanding police officer in that he epitomized what a New Brunswick Police Officer should be. He was an individual who cared for and truly loved the City of New Brunswick, but most of all, the children," New Brunswick Police Director Michael Beltrana said.

Raised in neighboring Somerset, Ford was a Franklin High School graduate. Much of his family's roots are in New Brunswick. According to Beltrana, he was "a New Brunswick person," meaning that Ford had devoted, intimate and personal knowledge of the city.

Orphaned at age 15, Ford became an officer in the now-defunct Housing police in 1975. In 1979, he joined the New Brunswick Police Department, where he rose to the rank of Sergeant, supervising the afternoon shift.

In 1992, Ford formed the city's police bike patrol, winning contributions from city businesses to start the program. He was also active in the police department's Drug

Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program because he saw the need to serve as a role model for youngsters.

"He loved to talk, he loved to talk to kids," Beltrana said. "He lived to be a success because he was able to relay his experience as a youngster."

A 13-year-old child known as "Said," agreed. One of the city's DARE program graduates several years ago, he said Ford "tried to get through to us." The honors student added, the Ford "taught me a lot about violence, drugs and stuff."

When asked further, Said expressed sadness, "he told me to make something of myself, not to be out there selling drugs."

Ford's off-duty hours were just as dutiful as his police work. He trained and managed several boxers in Central New Jersey, and was close with 1976 Gold medal boxer Howard Davis Jr., and former champion Bobby Czyz, who occasionally spoke to students in DARE classes.

One of his boxers, Imamu Mayfield, will appear in a United States Boxing Association championship later this month.

City of New Brunswick police officers, upon learning of Ford's passing, covered their badges with black shrouds and lowered the police headquarters' flag to half-staff.

And he is survived by his wife, Rosalind, a son, Curtis Bashan, and two daughters, Daira and Nijila, all of Piscataway. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Second Baptist Church in Rahway and Burial was at Franklin Memorial Park.

Irvington clergy hosts economic symposium

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willingness to assist locally-sponsored economic development programs, religious institutions are being asked to embrace "new roles as community developers and com-

munity builders."

The symposium will also feature Tracy Tener, vice-president and manager of Community Development Outreach for Summit Bank. She will discuss "A Rebuilding

Partnership." Other topics are the "ABCs" of organizing community development corporations, and what organizations can do to identify funding sources. For further information, call (201) 648-8350.

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suits spawned by highly-publicized murder cases.

One suit was filed last summer by Robert Shollar, whose wife Gail was the victim of a carjacking, rape and murder on Nov. 3, 1992. She was kidnapped at knifepoint in the Midlesex Mall parking lot in South Plainfield while running errands with her 3-year-old daughter. Her daughter escaped unharmed and was dropped off outside at a Piscataway day care center.

The other was filed in May by the husband of Kathleen Weinstein, also carjacked outside of a shopping center. Michael LaSane, 17, of Berkeley Township, admitted in February to

abducting Weinstein from the parking lot of Toms River Shopping Center in Doverland suffocating her last year.

In yesterday's ruling, the state's top court said the question of whether state is liable will be answered on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all the circumstances.

Michael D. Schottland, the attorney for Mary Chelsey, Dalton's sister and executrix of her estate, told the newspaper the ruling was "very far-reaching."

He said the court is "requiring owners and operators of stores to make some allowances for security."

Montclair attorney Jane Garrity Glass, who represented Foodtown, was unavailable for comment.

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Sheridan wrote scores of articles and two major books, "Sugar and Slavery" and "Doctors and Slaves."

In 1988, Sheridan retired from teaching and focused on the anti-slavery movement in Kansas and the related Missouri-Kansas border war.

He also has helped document the anti-slavery connection to the Underground Railroad.

"The slave trade was the greatest crime in modern history," Sheridan said. "And it imperiled the divided society that still haunts us."

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